

Act No. 110 (S.296). Corrections; crimes; Defender General

An act relating to the Defender General's duty to investigate issues related to the health, safety, and welfare of inmates in correctional facilities

This act clarifies that it is the duty of the Defender General to investigate issues related to the health, safety, and welfare of inmates in correctional facilities, receiving the cooperation of all State agencies in carrying out this duty. Issues that require an investigation by the Defender General shall, at a minimum, include:

- (1) the death of an inmate;
- (2) a suicide attempt that requires more than 24 hours of emergency hospitalization; and
- (3) a critical incident that results in injury to an inmate from an assault, use of force, or accident in a correctional facility that requires more than 24 hours of emergency hospitalization.

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